

B¹ wherein the belt comprises a surface which substantially comprises the long-chain strength supports.

21. (Amended) A belt for a material web producing machine, comprising:
a plurality of long-chain strength supports composed of a metallic material and arranged to form interstices; and

B² a filler at least partially filling the interstices to make said belt fluid impermeable,
wherein the belt comprises a smooth surface which substantially comprises the long-chain strength supports covering the filler.

22. (Amended) A belt for a material web producing machine, comprising:
a plurality of long-chain strength supports composed of a metallic material and arranged to form interstices; and

a filler at least partially filling the interstices to make said belt fluid impermeable,
wherein the belt comprises a screen.

B³ 24. (Amended) A belt for a material web producing machine, comprising:
a plurality of long-chain strength supports composed of a metallic material and arranged to form interstices; and

a filler at least partially filling the interstices to make said belt fluid impermeable,
wherein the belt comprises an interwoven sheet of the long-chain strength supports.

B⁴ 37. (Amended) A process for producing a belt, comprising: